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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 7189-014]**

**Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document**

**(PAD), Denying use of the Traditional Licensing Process, Commencement of Pre-**

**Filing Process and Scoping; Request for Comments on the PAD and Scoping**

**Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests: Green Lake**

**Water Power Company**

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application for a Subsequent Minor License and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process
- b. Project No.: 7189-014
- c. Dated Filed: April 1, 2019
- d. Submitted By: Green Lake Water Power Company (Green Lake Power)
- e. Name of Project: Green Lake Project
- f. Location: On Green Lake and Reeds Brook near the City of Ellsworth, Hancock County, Maine. The project occupies approximately two acres of United States lands administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Green Lake National Fish Hatchery.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Caroline Kleinschmidt, Green Lake Water Power Company, 120 Hatchery Way, Ellsworth, ME 04605; phone at (425) 553-6718, or email at [caroline@greenlakewaterpower.com](mailto:caroline@greenlakewaterpower.com)
- i. FERC Contact: Dr. Nicholas Palso at (202) 502-8854 or e-mail at [nicholas.palso@ferc.gov](mailto:nicholas.palso@ferc.gov).

j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR Part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) the Maine State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Green Lake Power as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Green Lake Power filed with the Commission a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) and request to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) on April 1, 2019. Green Lake Power provided public notice of its TLP request on March 28, 2019. In a letter dated May 31, 2019, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing denied Green Lake Power's request to use the TLP. Green Lake Power must use the Integrated Licensing Process to prepare a license application for the project.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission staff's Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and

SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-7189-014.

All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so within 60 days of the date of this notice.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. The scoping process will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

#### *Scoping Meetings*

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribe, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

#### *Daytime Scoping Meeting*

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Ellsworth City Hall, Council Chamber Room  
1 City Hall Plaza, Ellsworth, ME 04605  
Phone: (207) 667-2563

### *Evening Scoping Meeting*

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Ellsworth City Hall, Council Chamber Room  
1 City Hall Plaza, Ellsworth, ME 04605  
Phone: (207) 667-2563

SD1, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

### *Environmental Site Review*

The licensee and Commission staff will conduct an environmental site review of the project on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, starting at 10:00 a.m. All participants should meet at the Green Lake Project powerhouse, located at 120 Hatchery Way, Ellsworth, ME 04605 (the powerhouse is on the right as you enter the Green Lake National Fish Hatchery). The site review will require a half-mile round-trip walk to see all of the project facilities.

If you plan to attend the environmental site review, please contact Caroline Kleinschmidt of Green Lake Power at (425) 553-6718, or via email at [caroline@greenlakewaterpower.com](mailto:caroline@greenlakewaterpower.com) on or before June 24, 2019, and indicate how many participants will be attending with you. For any questions concerning the environmental site visit please contact Caroline Kleinschmidt.

### *Meeting Objectives*

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n of this document.

### *Meeting Procedures*

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public record of the project.

Dated: May 31, 2019.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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